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## MASONRY AT THE BANQUET TABLE.

IT will be in the memory of our readers that a few weeks back we made some strong comments in regard to what took place after the banquet which followed the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, at the end of June last. We then felt, and we are still of the same opinion, that a Masonic banquet is essentially a part of Freemasonry, while those who take part in it are as much bound by the customs of the Craft, and amenable to its laws, as though they were within the precincts of a tyled Lodge. Looking further back, we find that in May of the present year we also referred to this subject, and in view of recent events it will be well to review what we then wrote. We said "It is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is as much Masonic, though the Lodge has been properly closed, as it would be with all the emblems of the Craft spread upon the table, and the closing charge of the Past Master deferred until the actual parting. . . . \* Such a view could be enforced by the laws of Freemasonry, should it unfortunately happen that a decision were necessary, on the ground that the gathering was a recognised portion of the Lodge proceedings, sanctioned, if not by the actual edict of the Grand Master, at least by the established customs and usages of the Craft." This view of the case was never challenged, while, on the contrary, it was endorsed by men who have won for themselves honour in the Craft, both by length of service, and by the integrity they have always displayed in their association with it. We were, therefore, very much surprised when we were told that Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction in regard to the proceedings after the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, and in answer to our critic on that occasion we said, "In our opinion every meeting at which Masonic clothing is legally worn comes under the head of Masonic, and the proceedings thereat must be ruled by the laws and established customs of the Craft." It would now appear that we, and the many who support our view, are wrong; the fact being that Grand Lodge has no control whatever over the proceedings at a Lodge banquet. We are led to this opinion by the letter we received in connection with our references to the Barnato proceedings, followed by a paragraph which has gone the round of the press during the last few days, and which is to the following effect: "A curious question has just been decided by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. When a dispute takes place between brethren at a 'mixed' dinner (that is to say, when Masons in clothing and non-Masons are united), the incident cannot come officially within the cognisance of Grand Lodge." This simply means that a Lodge banquet is nothing whatever to do with Freemasonry, and that any Masonic business transacted thereat is illegal, because it cannot be

"officially" taken notice of. We must, in consequence, say good bye to Masonic toasts, to the presentation of Past Master's and other jewels, to Masonic "fire," and, above all things, to the wearing of Masonic emblems at the banquet table, unless we choose to revert to the old-fashioned system of "calling-off" rather than finally "closing" before the banquet. This may be the ruling of a Committee or an official of Grand Lodge, but it is not the opinion of the Craft, and we very much question if it will be allowed to pass without being challenged and ultimately upset.

It does not concern us just now to consider the particular case which has called forth this decision: it may have been the Barnato incidents themselves, while it has also been said that it may even have reference to the action of the Grand Master, who, it will be remembered, gave "Masonic honours" to some of the toasts at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Whatever it may refer to is of little moment compared with the importance of the principle it involves, and which, in short, may be said to be the sweeping away, by a stroke of the pen, of one of the most honoured traditions of the Craft—that of refreshment following labour. Surely such a radical change as this is not to be brought about by the few who have already decided the matter. If we are to have innovation in the Order, and the traditions of the past are to be ignored, the change should be first considered by a full assembly of Grand Lodge, while the general wish of the Craft should be ascertained before any decision be acted upon. If this course is not adopted there is no knowing what may be proposed by the "reformers" of the future, and, as not infrequently happens, such reformers may get a clique to follow them, and eventually manage to secure a majority of a Committee to approve their views, even though these may be wholly at variance with the wish of the general body of the Craft. It behoves us then to keep alert and carefully weigh the result of every action.

The strongest argument which can be used to prove the association of a Lodge banquet with the Craft is that Masonic clothing is openly and universally worn on such occasions. If the banquet is not Masonic, how comes it that the jewels, emblems, and aprons of the Craft are allowed? If the banquet has no connection with Freemasonry, why does Grand Lodge stand by and see its Constitutions daily violated? And why do the Grand Officers themselves lead the way and set the example in displaying their emblems and insignia to the eyes of the "mixed" t assemblies? The only answer we can suggest to these queries is to imagine there is some mistake in the paragraph to which we have alluded; but in face of the communication we personally received in reference to our "Barnato" comments we incline to the belief that there is no mistake, but rather that some of those in authority have formed a mistaken idea of their powers, or, failing to appreciate the full

\* See Vol XXVII. pp 273-4, 5th May 1888.

importance of the question involved, have formulated a decision which is wholly opposed to the principles of Freemasonry, and which, we venture to think, will speedily be reversed.

## COMMENTS ON "FACTS AND FICTIONS."

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

AS far as I know, Brother Hughan did not agree with Brother Sadler's *Facts*. This I learned from a communication of Bro. Sadler's, in the *Freemason*, some months ago; but I do not know on what point they disagreed. Previous to my last trip to England I read part of Brother Sadler's "Facts and Fictions," and when I met my esteemed brother in London I frankly told him that I was not converted to his theory. Brother Sadler, however, urged me to give my opinion in print after I had read the whole book. Well! I have now read the whole book, but my opinion is unchanged. I am sorry to find fault with Brother Sadler's theory; I hope, however, that he will not be offended, for I have reluctantly undertaken this task at his request.

An author of a History of the Popes (whose name I do not remember) began his book thus: "Tradition (said he) was a convicted liar, but as a liar may sometimes tell the truth, listen therefore to what he has to say, but do not believe a word of his, unless it is supported by reliable evidence." Now, I cannot say much in favour of the truthfulness of Masonic historians of the last century. They were all, indeed, more or less untruthful. But in my opinion, Laurence Dermott was the most shameless, impudent, and unscrupulous story-teller of all of them.\*

First, the Ancients started in 1751 with five or six Lodges, numbering all together between seventy and eighty members, that is, about a baker's dozen for each Lodge, and these Lodges were dubbed "Time Immemorial." Now, if those Lodges had been very old, or if they could have traced their pedigree, say to 1716, Dermott would have furnished the histories of his Lodges; but as he did nothing of the kind, and dated them all 1752, it is therefore highly probably that the said Lodges were organised just for the purpose of forming an independent Grand Lodge, and that there was nothing "Immemorial" about them, and they had no right to pretend to antiquity, or to the name of "Ancients."

I shall, however, endeavour to define the line of demarcation between *Ancient* and *Modern* Masons, thus: We all know the origin of the Masons' organisation in the Middle Ages was merely for the purpose of getting high wages, the same as all other guilds did, and the same as our "trade unions" of to-day do. All the guilds used to take into their societies honorary members, that is, lords, gentlemen, or even mechanics of other trades, and the Masons did the same. The Masons, however, were a secret society, who could recognise each other by a sign, a word, and a grip. They had but one ceremony or degree; there are over fifty of the old rituals still preserved, one of which will be found in "Appendix A" in Bro. Sadler's book.

In 1717, some Lodges in London, while they retained the name "Freemasons," and perhaps the old word and sign or grip too, discarded all the old laws, ceremonies, and usages; thus, instead of one degree, they invented three entire new ceremonies or degrees. In short, they turned everything topsy-turvy; so much so, that if the author of the Halliwell Poem, or of Matthew Cooke's MS. had now been allowed to revisit this earth, and while here he had attempted to visit a Lodge constituted after

1723, he would be regarded as an impostor, and would be refused admission; and the disappointed visitor, who was the greatest Masonic luminary in his day and generation, would denounce the members of the said Lodges as cowards and humbugs.

The dividing line, therefore, between *ancient* and *modern* Masons should be between those who adhered to the old ritual and old laws, and those who after 1717 discarded everything that was old (as explained above) and adopted entire new forms. Now, there is no doubt that such Lodges existed both in England and in Scotland after 1717, and these might consistently have been called "Ancients," but as soon as these Lodges enrolled themselves under the new Constitution they ceased to be *ancients*; thus in 1721 Desaguliers visited the Edinburgh Lodge, then it was an *ancient* Lodge, but after he impregnated the said Lodge with the new forms, ceremonies and degrees, it ceased to be *ancient*. In 1736 the Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed under the new Constitution, and a great many Scotch Lodges which joined the Grand Lodge became *moderns*; other Scotch Lodges, however, retained the old forms. These might consistently have been denominated as *ancients*. In England the Alnwick Lodge, whose records still exist from 1701 to 1757, though it admitted outsiders of their trade as honorary members, still it adhered to the old forms, Constitution, and usages, and it had but one degree, it was, therefore, really and truly a Lodge of *ancients*. But the six Lodges that formed a Grand Lodge in London in 1752 had not only three degrees but had also a fourth degree, viz., the "Royal Arch," and its Constitution was entirely, or almost so, copied from the Constitution of the *Moderns*. It was, therefore, sheer impudence on the part of Dermott to palm them off as ancient Masons.

Second, it was impertinent on the part of Dermott to claim descent from the York Masons. Bro. Sadler indeed denies that such a claim was ever made (see 7th Chapter of "Facts and Fictions"). Bro. Sadler, however, never saw a Warrant of the Ancients older than 1772; but Bro. Brennan, in his History, printed in 1875, on page 368, prints a copy of a Warrant from Dermott to Erasmus James Philips, at Halifax, *Nova Scotia*, which begins thus: "We, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted (York) Masons." It is evident, therefore, that before the revival of the York Grand Lodge he claimed authority from York, but after the York Grand Lodge was revived he changed the phrase into "According to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York."

Third, the dubbing of his Constitutions "Ahiman Rezon" was designed to impose on his dupes that he was a Hebrew scholar. The said words, however, are not Hebrew, and were a pure invention of Dermott.

Fourth, Dermott says that—

"Several eminent Craftsmen in Scotland, Ireland, America, and other parts abroad and at home, importuned me to give them some account of what is called Modern Masonry in London."

And here follows a series of questions and answers, among which are the following, viz.:—

"Whether there is any material difference between the Ancients and Moderns."

Answer, "A great deal, because an Ancient Mason cannot only make himself known to his brother, but in case of necessity can discover his very thoughts to him in the presence of a Modern without (his) being able to distinguish that either of them are Freemasons."

This is certainly a *whopper*, but here is something equally good,—

"The number of Antient Masons, compared with the Moderns being as ninety-nine to one, proves the universality of the old Order, and the utility thereof appears by the love and respect shown to the brethren in consequence of their superior abilities in conversation with, and distinguishing the Masons of all countries and denominations, a circumstance peculiar to Ancient Masons."

And he follows up the above thus—

"I am so well acquainted with the truth of what I have just now asserted that I am not in the least apprehensive of being contradicted."

The reader must doubtless be desirous to learn about the precise period of the deterioration of the London Grand Lodge of 1717, which produced such disastrous results, as described above. Here therefore is Bro. Dermott's answer, he says—

"The innovation was made in the reign of King George

\* Desaguliers, in his Dedication of the Book of Constitutions to the Duke of Montague, "recommends it as having been compiled and digested from the old records, agreeable to history and chronology. The extent of the Doctor's faith may be estimated from the fact that the author gravely represents Moses as presiding as Grand Master Mason in the Israelitish Lodges held in the Wilderness; Nebuchadnezzar as having attained the same Masonic rank; and Samson as never having had the honour to be numbered among Masons because of his weakness in revealing his secrets to his wife. The modern mind is generally supposed to have got pretty well rid of superstition, but brethren having pretension to Masonic authorship continue in this advanced period of the 19th century to make the assertion in all soberness that John the Evangelist was Grand Master of the Lodge of Jerusalem."—*Lyon's History*, p 152, note.

the First (that is before 1727), and the innovation was delivered as orthodox to the present members."

The reader would doubtless want to know the nature of the innovation made by the Moderns. The answer is as follows:—

"About the year 1717 some joyous companions, who had passed the degree of a Craft (though very rusty), resolved to form a Lodge for themselves, in order (by conversation) to recollect what had formerly been dictated to them, or if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. At this meeting the question was asked whether any person in the assembly knew the Master's part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem con* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition, and what fragments of the old Order were found amongst them should be immediately reformed and made more pliable to the humours of the people. Hence it was ordered that every person during the lifetime of his initiation," &c., &c.

The above reveals that the important difference between the two parties was the "Master's Word," and that the London Masons "corrupted it" about the year 1717. Now, as the reader has already been informed that before 1717 Masons had but one degree, he can judge for himself as to the credibility of Bro. Dermott's statements, and whether even his Grand Lodge record is worthy of credit.

Assuming, however, that the pre-1717 Masons actually had three degrees and a Master's Word: the question therefore is, whence did Dermott get that word? Dermott was initiated in Dublin in 1746, and it is certain that the Irish Grand Lodge, which was formed in 1730, not only adopted and reprinted the 1723 London Constitutions, but it also derived all its ceremonies from the London Grand Lodge. Nay, even in 1751, the second edition of the Dublin Constitutions was modelled after Anderson's Constitutions of 1738.\* Be it further remembered that the second edition of the Dublin Constitutions was printed in 1751, the very year when the Ancients in London began their existence. If, therefore, any material difference (as stated by Dermott) had originated in London in 1717, or even later, it would certainly have been known to the editor of the 1751 Dublin Constitution, and he would have said something about it. But the fact is, Bro. E. Spratt, the editor of the Dublin Constitutions of 1751, actually disproves Dermott's story; thus, on page 121, Bro. Spratt says:—

"At last the antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in *Ireland*, being assembled in their Grand Lodge in *Dublin*, chose a Noble Grand Master, in imitation of their Brethren of *England*, in the third year of his present Majesty King George the Second, A.D. 1730, even our Noble Bro. *James King*, Lord Viscount *Kingston*, the very next year after his Lordship had, with great reputation, been Grand Master of *England*, and he has introduced the same Constitutions and usages."

Now, as the Dublin brethren received in 1730, "the same usages" that existed in England, they must have had the same Master's word, and they could not have differed very materially in other respects. And to show further that no material change was made in England, as late as least as 1739, I must give another extract from the 1751 Dublin Constitutions. Thus, on page 147, Bro. Spratt says:—

"Agreed and approved by a Select Committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge in the year 1739, being the second year of the Grand Mastership of our Right Worshipful and Right Hon. Brother, the Lord Mountjoy (now Earl of Blessington), and ordered by the Grand Lodge to be served and practised by all the Lodges in Ireland. Now transcribed from the Book of Constitutions published in England, in the year 1738, by our Worshipful Brother James Anderson, D.D."

And in the Dedication of the 1751 Constitutions, page 6, Bro. Spratt says, that in 1739 Lord Blessington himself presided over the above referred to Committee. We see now that Lord Kingston, a Past English Grand Master, introduced the English Masonic usages into Ireland in 1730; that Lord Blessington in 1739 approved of English

\* The English Constitutions did not give any hint about prayers in Lodges; the Dublin one contains a prayer, which Dr. Oliver assigned in his "Revelations of a Square" to the joint composition of Anderson and Manningham, about or near 1754. The Dublin brethren added, also, Deacons to their officers; but in every other respect the two Constitutions were alike.

Masonry as it then existed, and that in 1751 the Irish Masons still looked up to the Grand Lodge of England as a Masonic authority. It is evident, therefore, that Dermott belonged to that class whose statements should not be received without corroborative or reliable testimony.

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(To be continued.)

## PERSONAL WORTH.

*Needed in all Towns, Cities and States. An Excerpt from an Address by Bro. George E. Webster, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the New Town Hall in East Providence, Rhode Island, 10th August 1888.*

WHAT, under the present aspect of our affairs, can I suggest more worthy of your consideration than the necessity for the cultivation of individual character. Carlyle complained that the world was running to mechanism and organisation; that personal accountability was ignored, and mankind were proposing to found Utopia and create Paradise by combinations; that individuals too little regarded their responsibility as single men, looking only to the general result of consolidated action. Is it not now the time to emphasize the necessity of maintaining the integrity of the *man*, leaving the consideration of *men* to the Providence of the Almighty? It is not likely that any community will be much better than the average morality of its individual citizens. Until each realises that each is amenable for his own manhood, the State can have but slight reliance upon its tenure. Let each learn to maintain his own honour, and let all honour and advance only those who are individually deserving. In the history of nations it is even more apparent than in the biography of individuals that to do the will of God is to assure success. If true to ourselves it must still follow, as the night the day, that we can be false to none. Let us each live up to his highest ideal, maintaining independence of thought while earnestly seeking enlightenment, sustaining ourselves by every elevating association, but ever mindful of our personal accountability. "God is above all yet; there lives a Judge whom no King can corrupt." He condones men's errors, but not the deliberate disregard of His mandates. No associated proclamation of high principles can atone for the dishonour of those uniting in their publication. If we, fellow citizens, are to perpetuate this municipality, let us not indulge in the hope that we may absorb our personal faithlessness in the mass. Neither let us be content with our pride in the accomplishments of those who have gone before us, wrapping "our satisfied desires in the singed mantles of our sires," who so nobly lived and overcame. How graphically does the history of the earlier generations of New England's civilisation illustrate the dealings of Divine Providence with mankind! Severe and austere, our ancestors were nevertheless sincere. Each one had a high purpose, and they combined not in complete solution, but each maintained his form and fibre. They prospered, not because they were perfect, but because each had a high and edifying intent. The time is coming and now is when the State and the town needs individuals—each man responsible and reliable. It is the man that is the noblest work of God, and not a corporation. We boast of our republic; the equality of its constituents; the freedom of its citizens; but the kingdom of God is an absolute monarchy. We tolerate no such government, for to no man is given the omniscience to transcend and ignore the wisdom of his fellows. But let us not disregard the value of personal worth, or fail to recognise, employ and sustain it. Our town has a favoured prospect; all signs forecast her progress. If each citizen is true to himself, her advancement can be safely prophesied; but neither town nor commonwealth can survive in prosperity the degeneracy of its people. Let us look to the affairs of our town curiously. In the combination of politics and of social life we become careless of personal responsibility. Thus it is easy for town, state or nation to drift down the stream of corruption to the sea of disaster.

Our ancestry builded well upon the foundation of Divine principle. Let us conserve their heritage, adding to the accumulations of our highest endeavours. Byron well said:

"A thousand years scarce serve to form a State;  
An hour may lay it in the dust; and when  
Can man its shattered splendour renovate,  
Recall its virtues back, and vanquish time and fate?"



## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bro. C. F. Lewis Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. H. E. Price Prov. J.G.W., while the Provincial Grand Officers present included Bros. Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield Chaplain, R. Pidcock Registrar, C. Bampfylde Warre S.D., S. H. Soper J.D., T. C. Woodman D. of C., H. Kent and B. Lomax Standard Bearers, F. H. Hallett Organist, B. Burfield Secretary, Thomas Hardy Pursuivant, W. H. Barrett Steward, J. Adames, J. Dennant, H. H. Jordan, G. Lockwood L. Hawken, Col. Mortimer Hancock Stewards, and H. H. Hughes Prov. G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Prov. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting. These were confirmed. The roll of the Lodges in the Province was called, and it was found that every Lodge was represented. The report of the Board of Finance and the Treasurer's accounts were next submitted and adopted. The report of the Provincial Charities' Committee was read and adopted. The Prov. Grand Secretary read a report relative to the presentation of two pictures to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in commemoration of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. W. Smith P.P.G. Sword Bearer, a vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren of the Lodges for the generous efforts they had made in the purchase of the pictures, and to Bro. W. Marchant P.P.S.G.W., for his exertions as Honorary Secretary to the Committee. The Provincial Grand Secretary read statistics giving the numerical and financial strength of each Lodge, and showing the present number of brethren to have reached 1179, an increase of 38 on the year. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. then addressed the brethren, as follows:—

Brethren,—The Masonic year, with its many engagements and interests, goes by so rapidly from month to month that the annual Provincial meeting takes us somewhat by surprise when it comes round. This has been an eventful year for Sussex Masons. Though we have not had the pleasure of seeing our Prov. G. Master since July 1887, we have the satisfaction of knowing that, while he is in India, attending to his very important military duties, His Royal Highness takes the greatest interest in affairs relating to the Province he rules in England, and he has accepted a high post in the Craft in India, where he keeps up the active performance of Masonic duties. It seems hardly probable that the year we begin to-day will be gladdened by his presence here, but we have his good wishes and kind remembrance, and look forward with keen pleasure to the time which will bring him back to Sussex, for however brief a visit. We cannot, of course, expect at any period, even when His Royal Highness's vocations permit of his residence in England, that we could have extensive claims upon his time, but how gladly he comes when he can, and how well he performs the office of Provincial Grand Master we had ample and gratifying proof when, during a very short stay in England for the Jubilee festivities, he gave a day to us here in Brighton, and, by the questions the Duke asked and the remarks he made, showed plainly that he is not Prov. Grand Master only in name. Before entering on a new period of our existence in Sussex, it would be well to look back and note the various events, which, like milestones, have marked our journey through the last twelve months. Retrospect can never be without its shadows, and, casting our thoughts back upon the past year, we find, alas! that many good men and true have been taken from our ranks—men whom we could ill spare, and whom to-day we deeply mourn. Old Past Master's like Brothers Payne, Willard, and Fletcher, Major Sergison, D'Albiac, Taaffe, Luttmann, Johnson, Bennett, and others, to the number of more than a score, are no longer inscribed on our roll of brethren on earth. We must fill up the vacant places and stand again shoulder to shoulder, still cherishing in our hearts the memory of those brethren who have been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above. Sickness, too, has visited many of us heavily. Brother Crosskey, our respected and well-beloved Treasurer, is obliged to seek health in a warmer climate during our turbulent English winter. Brother Trollope, one of our pillars of Sussex Masonry, has been dangerously ill, but I am glad to hear of his partial recovery. Many other names might be added to the list, my own among them. For three months I was compelled to take complete rest, so complete that even writing was forbidden me, but I am rejoiced to be able to meet you all again to-day in good, though somewhat weakened, health. It is satisfactory to reflect that, notwithstanding an unusually high death rate and some withdrawals, we number more than we did at this time last year. The retrospect, however, is not all dark and sorrowful. Laughter and tears, sighing and singing, clouds and sunshine are mingled together in the Masonic record as in the domestic. It is one of the highest privileges of a Mason that he gives his sympathy not only to those in tribulation, but to those who are happy. Two great occasions of

universal rejoicing have arisen since I last addressed you. The golden light of the Jubilee of our most gracious Queen, the Patroness of our Order, had hardly set in England before there dawned the softer radiance of the Silver Wedding of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was our happy lot to greet him and the gentle lady who has been his helpmeet for a quarter of a century, with our very warm congratulations. The brightness of the occasion was somewhat clouded by the news which arrived of the death of the Emperor William, but that event had been so long expected, and the Kaiser's years had lengthened themselves out so much beyond the usual span of human life, that his death, though it tempered the brilliancy of the festivity, did not darken it altogether. We kept it here in a good old English fashion, with music and dancing. The old Pavilion was made gay by Masons in their insignia, who brought with them their wives and daughters, not to mention "their sisters, and their cousins, and their aunts." I do not think that anywhere in England was "God bless the Prince of Wales" sung more sweetly or more heartily than it was here on that March evening. The second joyful event was the Centenary of the Girls' School, which was kept, with literally Royal honours, for almost a whole week. Day after day the huge space of the Albert Hall was filled with brethren, and on some days with (may I be allowed to say) sisters, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of this great charity. One day the children themselves were brought from their Institution to receive from the Princess the prizes they had gained. It was such a sight as can scarcely be witnessed again by those of our generation, a sight which could not have been given by any other body of men than Masons. Between two and three hundred bright, happy, healthy children were gathered together in that huge building, that the many men and women who have their interest at heart, and have helped to make them healthy and happy, might have the unalloyed pleasure of seeing their pleasant young faces and witnessing their wonderful evolutions in their graceful exercises. I know no sight at once so pretty and so touching as that of these fatherless children, rosy cheeked and smiling, dressed in their dainty costume of dark blue and white, moving like fairy soldiers in exact time to the word of command, and every time I see it I am astonished afresh at the skill of the teachers and the beautiful discipline of the children. King Oscar, of Sweden, in whose kingdom the Prince of Wales was made a Mason, was present, and expressed, as indeed every one did, the greatest admiration of the scene. It will ever be a matter of deep regret to me that owing to severe illness I could not be present, though I was, as I have often been before, a Steward, and, by the kindness of my brethren, was enabled to take up a not inconsiderable sum. The Centenary Festival will ever stand out in the history of Masonry as a period as yet unsurpassed in brilliancy and pleasant sensations. It is cheering to reflect that one's guineas are spent to such good purpose, that we can see the actual and most delightful result of our gifts, and I trust that the Centenaries of the other two Masonic Charities may prove equally successful when their turns come. Reviewing the work of the year and the various questions which have been raised in the course of it, and have received special attention, there is one I feel compelled to touch upon particularly, namely, the initiation of minors into our Brotherhood. It is a question upon which I have not myself the shadow of a doubt. I most unhesitatingly give my opinion against it. In this I am glad to find myself following in the footsteps of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose eldest son, His Highness Prince Albert Victor, was not initiated until he was twenty-one years of age. His Royal Highness's younger son has not yet entered the Craft. An exception is made at the Universities for very special and well considered reasons, but it should be at the Universities alone. For my own part I do not think that the solemn obligations of our Craft should be lightly and thoughtlessly taken. A youth who has not reached the age of twenty-one has seen too little of life to realise or appreciate either the duties or the privileges of our Order. It is only after a young man has for a term "felt his feet," as it were, in the path of life that he is able to understand what is meant by "the right hand of fellowship," and to grasp it with heartiness and lasting sincerity. It is after one or two disappointments among so-called friends that he begins to feel that it is well to build up friendship on a substratum of something less frothy than mere words. It must also be borne in mind that not only does a man on entering Masonry receive the cheering assurance of help in difficulty, sympathy in distress, and encouragement in labour, but he is also called upon to give this support to his brethren. I need hardly remind you that Masonry is not all receiving; in fact reciprocity is one of the chief features of our Order. It may be that I have old-fashioned notions about the sanctity of a promise and the obligations incumbent upon every man to carry out his engagements, not only in the letter, but in the spirit. It may be, as I say, that I am old-fashioned in this, but my feeling on this point is very strong, and I do not think any mere minor should undertake such responsibilities, the meaning of which he cannot quite understand, until his experience is more extended. There is another point to which I wish to call your special attention. It seems that some Masons in the Province do not appreciate that most useful of little volumes, the Almanac, and that they would rather it were not published at all. I can only say that the small book is my constant companion, goes where I go, and is consulted almost every day. Certainly no engagement is ever made by me, social or official, without a reference to the Almanac. It has become as necessary to me as a crutch to a lame man, and I should very much regret its annihilation. I cannot but envy those young and merry Masons whose Herculean brains can carry without effort all the data and statistics of my inseparable friend, the Masonic Almanac. I flatter myself that there are in this assembly some other grey-headed brethren whose minds are at times fretted and harassed with the burden of professional life, and who are, like myself, grateful to our worthy and energetic Provincial Grand Secretary for the accurate information contained in his invaluable little book. Moreover, the publication is no burden on the Province; it pays, or very nearly pays, its own expenses. It may be,

only the old and the weak among the brethren who are driven to need the humiliating assistance of printed memoranda. Alas! I cannot deny I come under the category of the old and the weak—and I would remind my young and more active and brilliant brethren that an old Book advises us that "the strong should bear the burdens of the weak"—therefore, I lay aside in this matter my office of Masonic adviser, and take my stand as legal adviser, and plead for the further extension of existence among us of the small defendant, the Masonic Almanac. Gentlemen of the Jury, I beg you to give the case your most careful consideration, to bear in mind the length of service, the modesty, and the usefulness, the indispensability and daily value of the defendant, and to pause before you consign it to an untimely end. I think I need no longer tax your attention and patience. The outlook of Sussex Masonry is very bright and inspiring, and I trust the future may not belie our hopes and expectations, and that no year may close less prosperously than this. What the future holds for us individually we cannot tell, whether of joy or sorrow, but, bound together as we are by the union of hearts and hands, we cannot but hope and believe that a wider field of usefulness and a still greater prosperity await us as a body Masonic. Therefore, Brethren, I wish you heartily and hopefully "A happy new Masonic year."

Enthusiastic applause followed the reading of this able and instructive address. W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle) P.P.G. Chaplain moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his very admirable address, and congratulated him upon being so improved in health as to be again able to join the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield Prov. Grand Chaplain seconded, and the proposition was carried with renewed applause. Bro. the Rev. J. O. McCarrogher P.P.G. Chaplain proposed the re-election of Bro. R. Crosskey as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. W. R. Wood P.G.D. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed the following brethren to act as Provincial Grand Officers during the ensuing year, and invested those present with the insignia of their respective offices:—

Bro. Lient.-Col. Lord Lennox P.M. 38	Senior Warden
Joseph Farncombe P.M. 311	Junior Warden
Rev. E. R. Currie P.M. 1184	} Chaplains
Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield P.M. 1465	
R. Crosskey P.M. 1303	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.M. 916 1110	Registrar
V. P. Freeman P.G.D. P.M. 315 732	Secretary
J. Adames P.M. 38 311	Senior Deacon
J. Dennant P.M. 271	Junior Deacon
C. Nye jun. P.M. 732 1947 2187	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Barrett P.M. 38	Dir. of Ceremonies
G. Lockwood L. Hawken P.M. 1797	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
Col. M. Hancock P.M. 1466 2201	Sword Bearer
H. H. Jordan P.M. 851	} Standard Bearers
W. M. Glenister P.M. 48	
G. Cole P.M. 1636	Organist
B. Burfield P.M. 1821	Assistant Secretary
L. B. Henderson P.M. 1141	Pursuivant
C. Burnell P.M. 56	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Beaumont P.M. 315	} Stewards
W. Seymour Burrows W.M. 811	
W. L. Wallis P.M. 916	
A. M. Betchley P.M. 1619	
W. Balchin jun. P.M. 1636	
W. H. Causton P.M. 1726	} Tyler
H. H. Hughes	

All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer. Bro. F. H. Hallett Prov. G. Organist presided at the organ at the opening of the Lodge, and Bro. George Cole Prov. G. Organist officiated at the close. After a brief interval the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Mutton, of King's Road, Brighton, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Stewards, Bros. J. Dennant, Colonel Hancock, J. Adames, G. L. Lockwood, Hawken, H. H. Jordan, and W. H. Barrett, spared no pains in promoting the comfort of those present. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and opened the toast list with the Queen and the Craft, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., which were duly honoured. Bro. Joseph Farncombe Prov. S.G.W. proposed the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, in acknowledging the toast, said the Sussex Province was ably represented in Grand Lodge. He congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master upon the admirable and thoroughly Masonic address he had delivered in the afternoon. He heartily endorsed every word of it, and especially concurred in the remarks which had been made respecting the Masonic

Almanac and the initiation of minors. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, K.G., &c. The Province, he said, was greatly favoured in having a Royal Prince to preside over it. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had the interest of the Province at heart though he was absent in India; and the brethren, he was sure, remembered him with feelings of loyalty and affection. Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Grand Steward, proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past. Such a toast, he said, required no words from him to recommend it. In Bro. Ford they had a staunch and worthy Mason, who had laboured hard in the interests of the Craft, not only in Sussex but in other parts of the Masonic world. He had recently been instrumental in founding the Earl of Sussex Lodge, of which he himself was a humble member; and he (Bro. Marriott) sincerely hoped that their Deputy Provincial Grand Master would be spared to preside over them, not in the words of the song just sung, "Only once more," but with renewed health and strength for a quarter of a century. Bro. Gerard Ford said he felt that the Provincial Officers were brethren eminently fitted to assist him in working for the welfare of the Province. He was deeply sensible of the kindness shown to him personally, and regretted that illness had prevented him from visiting the Lodges as he had wished. The brethren, he said, were indebted to Bro. Sir Raymond Burrell for the buck he had sent for the banquet; and he regretted that that brother, whose revered father they so well remembered, was unable to join them that evening. Bro. the Rev. J. O. McCarrogher P.P.G. Chaplain gave the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Ewart. Bro. W. Dawes P.P.S.G.W., proposed the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, and urged upon them to carry out, in their respective Lodges, the principles inculcated in the excellent address of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Brothers Fletcher and Jordan responded. In acknowledging the toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, Bro. F. Biuckes, in an able speech, expressed his grateful acknowledgment of the constant and unvarying support which had been given by the Sussex brethren to those Institutions. While thanking them for their generous efforts, he pleaded for renewed exertions during the coming year on behalf of the Boys' School, which was doing such sterling work for the sons of Freemasons. The Tyler's Toast completed the list. During the evening a programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. George Cole Provincial Grand Organist, was admirably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, Bro. S. H. Soper P.P.J.G.D., and Bro. F. W. Clements, Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G. Organist, giving the pianoforte accompaniments in his customary excellent style.

The Devon Masonic Register for 1888-9, which is dedicated to the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, is a work most carefully compiled, and reflects considerable credit on the publisher, Bro. W. Frank Westcott I.P.M. 70, of Frankfort Street, Plymouth. It gives a list of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, all the necessary details in connection with the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, the Lodges in the various towns arranged alphabetically and also according to days of meeting, together with a list of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers in the Craft—Mark, Arch, Ark, Mariners, Knight Templars, and Rose Croix. The votes held by ladies or brethren of the Province for the great Masonic Charities will be found in tabulated form, and altogether the work is a most useful one.

REASONABLE.—There is not published in all Ireland a journal devoted exclusively to Masonry. The reason given for this is said to be the aversion of the Grand Lodge to giving publicity to its proceedings. It could be better stated that this aversion originated in a laudable desire to prevent members of the Craft from being vexed or hampered in their social and business relations by bigots inimical to the Fraternity. There is in existence in Dublin a pretended revelation of the secrets of Masonry as hostile to the Romish Church, to which publication is appended the names of all Masons in that city. The intent is self-evident.—*New Zealand Mail*.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry J. Chapman W.M., who was supported by Bros. Richard Harvey S.W., N. Salmon J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thos. Morris Secretary, Past Masters A. Simner, W. J. Ferguson, Harry Price, P. B. Spink, J. McLean, P. Pierpoint, W. M. Foxcroft, Edward White, J. E. Walford and Isaac Buscall; J. E. Spurrell S.D., T. B. Goodfellow J.D., Robert Hewetson I.G., E. A. G. Smith D.C., A. Piper Steward, C. Riechelmann Organist, and a large number of Lodge members and visitors. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed Bro. D. Charteris was raised, and the three following gentlemen regularly initiated into the Order:—Mr. Joseph Inkerman Higgs, proposed by Bro. G. L. Everett and seconded by the Treasurer; Mr. Ernest Samuel Smith, proposed by Bro. H. N. Price P.M. and seconded by the Senior Deacon; and Mr. Fagioli Attilio, proposed by Bro. Ings and seconded by the Secretary. Routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to banquet. At the conclusion of this the customary toasts were honoured. The W.M. proposed those of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master, who, he said, had won the respect, esteem, and love of every Mason. Bro. Ferguson P.M. was entrusted with the next toast, that of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He regarded this as a most important toast, as on the Grand Officers depended much of the work of Freemasonry. At the head of the working Officials of the Craft they had two noblemen—the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom—who were everything that could be desired. The Order was indeed fortunate in having them at its head. Referring to a subject in which the Domatic Lodge was particularly interested at the present time, he said there was one office in Grand Lodge which the members of the Craft had the right of filling—that of Grand Treasurer. It was known to all of them that their esteemed friend Bro. George Everett was a candidate for this office, and he (Bro. Ferguson) hoped that the members of the Lodge would not only personally support that candidature but would use their influence with friends to secure their support also. Any one who had known Bro. Everett the many years that he had known him could vouch for his ability to discharge the functions of the office, and it would be a great compliment to the Domatic Lodge if he were fortunate enough, as he felt sure he would be, to obtain the post. With the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Ferguson had pleasure in associating the name of Bro. Eve Past Grand Treasurer. That brother tendered thanks on behalf of the important body of which he was a member. Personally he very much appreciated the honour the Craft had bestowed on him by electing him as Grand Treasurer. He had many friends to thank for placing him in that position, but none had worked heartier for him than the Domatic Lodge, particularly among its members he had to thank Bro. George Everett, who he was pleased to see had come forward with a desire to win similar honours. If Bro. Everett succeeded in his desire he felt that the office would be well filled. Bro. Simner proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who tendered his thanks for the warm reception accorded him. His six months' absence did not appear to have made any difference in the kind feelings always evinced towards him by the members of his Lodge. He hoped he should not only retain their good opinion during the remainder of his Mastership, but that he should win further regard from them. The toast of the initiates followed. The goodly number admitted that day convinced the W.M. that the Lodge was by no means on the downward path. He knew it was the wish of the older members of the Lodge that he should offer the newer ones the heartiest of welcomes, and this he accordingly did, at the same time expressing a hope that each in his turn might rise to high dignities in the Lodge. The three initiates having replied, Bro. Walford P.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, which he did with as much pleasure as was usually associated with the toast in the Domatic Lodge. He considered visitors were as essential to a Lodge as passengers were to a large ocean steamer. The captain and crew of this would have no reason to cross and recross the ocean but for the passengers they carried, and so in like manner it might be said that many of their Lodges would lose their greatest charm if there were no visitors nor visiting. The toast was well received, and acknowledged by several of the guests. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and to this Bro. White responded. He felt greatly flattered in being selected for the duty of acknowledging the continued kindness of the Lodge. He also spoke of the candidature of Bro. Everett for the Grand Treasurership, who, he said, was well qualified for the office and would reflect honour on their Lodge if elected. Bro. Simner proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The brethren had heard so much that night of their Treasurer that it was difficult to say anything more. Briefly, he might say his works show his character. In Bro. Morris the Lodge had another official of whom they were justly proud. That both he and Bro. Everett might long be spared to help them was their sincere desire. Bro. Everett was the first to reply. The present was his thirty-first year in Masonry, and he was now more than ever zealous to uphold its principles and dignity. He was exceedingly gratified that so much had been said in favour of him that night, and only hoped he deserved a portion of the praise which had been bestowed. He had the honour of being associated with three Lodges, besides the Domatic, of two of which he had been a founder, but they all happened to be London Lodges. In the Provinces if a man showed any ability he speedily got a Provincial collar, but in London it was not so, and thus it was that he had been so long a member of the Craft without having any reward outside his own Lodge, and he was told, and almost believed, he deserved some little recognition. The brethren would perhaps remember that when the Lodge celebrated its Centenary the Grand Secretary was among them, and he

then said enough to make them think that at no very distant date the Domatic Lodge might have some small honour conferred on one of its members. When the Jubilee appointments came to be made it was thought now is the chance which the Grand Secretary desired, but nothing was done, and accordingly the members thought they would try and win a place for themselves. He had been chosen to contest the office of Grand Treasurer, which was an honour in itself, and if he had the additional good fortune to be elected he could assure the Craft that the duties of the office would be properly and thoroughly fulfilled. He had set his heart on winning the position and hoped he should not be disappointed. Bro. Morris followed. He was very gratified to know he gave satisfaction as Secretary of their Lodge. He had striven to do what was right, and assured the members that so long as he held the office he should use every effort to win the approval of the members. The toast of the Officers having been honoured and replied to, the Tyler's toast was given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. Richard Eve P.M. No. 1, Past Grand Treasurer, J. H. Ross S.D. 1964, T. E. Mundy J.D. 1670, F. J. Eadie W.M. 1441, H. E. Poole 2030, G. D. Power 898, F. Holder 2030, A. W. Oxford I.G. 4, B. Brett 1791, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, H. Carman P.M. 548, R. E. H. Goffin P.M. 1572, W. H. Price 1816, R. Atkins P.M. 55, B. Kenyon 2012.

## PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

THE annual festival took place on Thursday, 4th instant, at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, when Bro. James Eardley was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Ashwell P.G. Assistant Secretary, assisted by Bros. Smith P.P.G.J.D., Roberts P.P.G.J.D. and H. C. Faram P.P.G.J.D. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hancock S.W., Fielding J.W., Copeland Treasurer, Faram D.C., Bamber Secretary, Ashton S.D., Penn J.D., Tapley I.G., Burt and Marks Stewards, and Kingston Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of about forty, adjourned to the Copeland Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Reynes.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 13th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, when Bro. John Seex P.M. was installed as Worshipful Master. The Lodge having been regularly opened the minutes were confirmed, and with the customary ceremony a member was raised, after which followed the principal event of the day, the installation of Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. John Seex, having been selected from among the Past Masters to fill the important office, was regularly installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. Baber P.M. and Secretary. The new Master having been saluted the following were appointed and invested as the Officers:—W. Cook P.M. S.W., C. T. Smith J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treas., W. Baber P.M. Sec., L. B. Mozley J.D., D. J. Keene I.G., G. Jenkins Org., G. W. Robson D.C., J. K. Gwyn and R. Brookman Stewards, R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. James Stevens, the first Master of the Lodge, after which two candidates were proposed and routine business transacted. Lodge was then called off and the company adjourned to the pillar hall of the hotel for the banquet, which was presided over by the new Master. Among those present to support him were Bros. Robert Greening I.P.M., Past Masters R. Stanway, James Freeman, G. W. Blackie, James Stevens, Robert Fendick, the Treasurer, Secretary, Officers, and the following visitors:—C. G. Coles 339, G. J. Grace P.M. 73, W. A. Laker P.M. 1302, H. Summers P.M. 1362, George Ralling 51, T. E. Tallent P.M. 180, W. Carey W.M. 1571, H. Gross W.M. 1314, G. Whitaker jun. 1597, Rawson Kolly P.M. 750 P.P.S.G.W. West Yorks, H. S. Mendelssohn 481, James Garnar P.M. 795, &c., C. W. Noehmer P.M. 507, C. Nightingale P.M. 1362, George Jenkins Org. 2048, Selwyn Davies Org. 917, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and then the Chairman proceeded to give the toasts of the day. In proposing the Queen and the Craft he spoke of the loyalty and devotion at all times displayed by the Masonic brotherhood, and the especial respect shown for the queen at the various Masonic gatherings. Their Lodge was no exception to the rule. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was next proposed. It was a source of gratification to them all that they were able to associate one so high in the land with the toast of the Grand Master, who was a pattern well worthy of imitation. The toast of the Grand Officers presented another duty for the observance of the members, but it was at the same time a source of pleasure to them, inasmuch as the brethren embraced in it were deserving of the most hearty greetings. As a rule their Lodge had had the honour of having one or more Grand Officers present at its meetings, that night they were not so fortunate, but the toast would not be less heartily received on that account. The members had sufficient confidence in the rulers of the Craft to honour them in their absence. Bro. Greening, the Immediate Past Master, next proposed the health of the W.M. He (Bro. Seex) had filled the chair of the Lodge some years previously, and had happened to be the Master on the occasion of the speaker's initiation. For that reason he felt particularly gratified in having to propose the toast that evening. The members of the Lodge had had opportunity of judging of their new Master's aptitude for the position, and he might safely say that all admired and respected him. He had much pleasure in submitting the toast and hoped the Master would enjoy a pleasant term of office. The W.M., in reply, said he occupied a peculiar position as ruler of the Lodge. He had been selected from those who had managed its affairs in years gone by to again take up the reins of office, and he felt it was a great compliment that had been paid him. Not only had he been selected from among the Past Masters, but he was one of the original founders of the Lodge, so that he felt the honour was not so much a mark of attachment or appreciation of his services in particular as it was an expression of approval with the principles on which the Lodge had been started



and so far conducted. It was a source of gratification to the founders that the members had thought fit to fall back on one of their number to carry them through what some had regarded as a troublesome period in the Lodge's history. His aim would be to uphold the dignity of The Great City Lodge, and so act up to the opinion of the majority of its members as to give satisfaction. By doing so he hoped he should leave the chair with as much respect being felt towards him as he enjoyed that day. During his Mastership he felt he might rely on those who had preceded him in the chair, while he also felt that the Officers would do all they could to make his term of service a success. With united efforts it would be strange if they did not succeed. He next had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Visitors. It was a matter of extreme satisfaction to the Lodge that so many outside members were present that day. He thought the guests showed their appreciation of what was being done by attending, and felt that one of the greatest difficulties a Master had to contend with was to offer such a welcome to the Visitors as the members desired they should receive. The difficulty was to convey through one mouth as the full appreciation of the whole Lodge. However, he tendered the Visitors a hearty welcome and hoped they would so enjoy themselves as to desire to come again. Bro. Rawson Kelly responded, tendering thanks for the hearty reception given the toast. He had been very pleased with the reception accorded him, and felt he might express the same sentiment on behalf of the other visitors. He hoped it would be his good fortune to be present at the Lodge when some other of the ceremonies of Freemasonry were being worked. Other visitors having responded the Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer, and the other Past Masters. There was a goodly number of them present, and the Master felt it was a difficult task to select the one most capable of acknowledging the toast. All were efficient. He, however, selected the I.P.M. as being the latest occupant of the chair. Not only had he the pleasure of complimenting the Past Masters on their work, but he had the pleasure of presenting to his immediate predecessor the material and substantial expression of the brethren's approval, in the form of a Past Master's jewel, which he now had the honour of placing on Bro. Greening's breast, in the name of the members of the Lodge. It was one of those Masonic jewels of which there were not many in existence, and one which every member aspired to. Referring to the work performed by his predecessor, the Master said the Lodge appreciated what had been done, and felt great pleasure in offering some little reward to the brother who had performed it. Bro. Greening tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, and also for the handsome jewel presented him. He had long coveted the distinction of wearing such a jewel. He felt he had better carefully abstain from saying anything in regard to what was past, except to say how much he appreciated the unanimous voting of the jewel he had just received. It was a gift which assured him that he still retained the love and respect of the members of the Lodge. It was his intention to stand by the Lodge in the future, and he hoped he might spend many happy hours in the company of its members. Bro. James Stevens followed. He had reason to be very proud of the kind reception always accorded him in the Lodge, and also of the fact that he had the honour of serving as its first Master. He felt convinced they had a term of enjoyment before them. Bro. Headon felt that as it was only once a year they had the opportunity of addressing the Lodge as Past Masters it was very difficult then to express all the pleasure they felt. He looked forward to the future of the Lodge with satisfaction, and felt that all would be well with it in the future, and that it would prosper even more than it had done in the past. The other Past Masters having in turn responded, the health of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. The toast was always well received, not merely as a matter of form, but in appreciation of the services rendered by the two distinguished Craftsmen who filled the offices. The Treasurer had been the conservator of their funds for many years, and had fulfilled the duties of his office zealously and faithfully. They would never have occasion to regret having entrusted him with the management of their funds. He took a great interest in the Lodge and was one of those Treasurers who might best be described as a treasure, a small word which embraced, he thought, all they desired to express on that occasion. The Secretary also deserved the hearty welcome accorded him. He had fulfilled the duties of the office most satisfactorily in the past and might be relied on for the future. Bro. Headon, Treasurer, was very gratified to hear such an appreciative picture drawn in regard to the little he was able to do for the Lodge. He felt the members must in a measure be satisfied with what he had hitherto done or they would not have re-elected him, and if they were well satisfied with what he had done he considered he had secured a rich reward. The Secretary also responded, after which the toast of the Officers was given and acknowledged. The Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion in the usual way. An enjoyable musical programme was provided, under the direction of Brother George Jenkins jun., Organist of Lodge 2048, who was ably assisted by Miss Marianne Fenna, Miss Florence Croft, and Bros. Selwyn Davies and Robert Fairbanks.

#### OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

At a meeting of the brethren of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, Surrey, present Bros. F. T. Ridpath W.M. P.G.S. (Surrey), J. Kilvington S.W., Dr. R. G. Fleming J.W., Wm. Foulsham P.M. P.P.G.J.W. (Norths), G. S. Horsnail Secretary, P. Budd J.D., C. Tarry Steward, E. C. Symonds I.G., J. P. Gordon D.C., W. Lane Tyler, H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. P.G.J.W. (Surrey), W. H. Ranson P.M., J. Buckley, H. Cox, F. R. Rayner, J. Bolton, J. Grew, C. White, W. J. Turpin, H. Sherry, J. S. Mortimore, T. Chamberlain, W. R. Griffin, A. H. Dyball, A. Wilmot, and Jas. Clarke. Visitors—Bros. W. Barn S.D. South Middlesex 858, C. J. Balfour Burgoyne 902, F. Cambridge J.W. Sterndale Bennett 2182 P.P.G.O. Surrey, Charles Cooke J.D. Ewell 1851, E. Everist P.M. Panmure 720, J. Klein, F. Morey

Perfect Ashlar 1178, Wm. Parker P.M. Ewell 1851, W. G. Simms Excelsior 1155, A. G. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works Surrey Ewell 1851, and H. G. Vickers W.M. Stuart 1632. The W.M. opened the Lodge and the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Buckley, by request of the W.M., acted as S.D. The ballot was taken for Mr. A. H. Dyball; it was declared in his favour and he underwent the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Jas. Grew passed. After the Lodge had been resumed the W.M. impressively addressed the new member. Bro. H. M. Hobbs I.P.M. proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. Shortly afterwards the W.M. closed the Lodge. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was excellent in quality and reflected great credit on Bro. Tarry, Steward to the Lodge. After the usual loyal toasts Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. in his usual characteristic and genial manner proposed the health of the W.M. He was sure that he could not add anything in eulogy of the manner in which Bro. Ridpath carried out his duties, he had most faithfully discharged every office he had been called upon to occupy. The W.M. thanked Bro. Hobbs for the kind remarks he had made on this as on many other occasions. He thanked the brethren also for the cordial way in which the toast was received. He should endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair with honour to himself and to the Lodge. In speaking of the Initiate the W.M. remarked that many Lodges were not so fortunate as the Old England in the number of initiates they had received during the last few years. After Bro. Dyball had returned thanks, the Visitors was proposed by the W.M., who gave them a hearty welcome to "Old England." The toast of the Past Masters was next proposed. The W.M. said it reminded him particularly of one of their Past Masters, who had conducted the affairs of this Lodge so satisfactorily as to ensure its success and place it on a solid and thriving foundation. He referred to their worthy Bro. Foulsham, the father of the Lodge; he had worked hard and well, and always received distinguished honour from the members of "Old England." Each of the Past Masters had been attentive, and had strictly fulfilled their engagements, which he considered had done much for the Lodge's success. Bro. Ranson, another P.M., also did well, and he is always ready to give his assistance. As for Bro. Hobbs, their I.P.M., he has done much for this Lodge, as well as for other Lodges with which he is associated; he will always receive that esteem which is his due. The I.P.M. gratefully thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the good will which had existed between them for the past five years; he should always feel it an honour to discharge any duty that "Old England" might call upon him to fulfil. Bro. Ranson P.M. returned his sincere thanks for the toast. Bro. Foulsham the Treasurer in acknowledgment said that he was pleased with the excellent remarks which had been made by the W.M. in behalf of the I.P.M., Bro. Hobbs was worthy of them. He (Bro. Foulsham) had spent a lifetime in Freemasonry and began to feel that it was necessary he should now make way for some other brother as Treasurer. Freemasonry he had always loved, and always should; it is a wide subject of intense interest. Yesterday he strolled inside St. Paul's Cathedral, and the thought arose in his mind, whilst taking a view of this grand building, how Sir Christopher Wren must have devoted his skill and abilities to rear so majestic and incomparable a building, that would endure for ages. As a P.M. of "Old England" he had done all he could for the Lodge, and also for Freemasonry in various parts of England. He had not long resided in Thornton Heath before he discovered no Lodge existed there; indeed he went there to avoid being occupied with Freemasonry, but he soon found his intentions were reversed, and he became instrumental in establishing the Old England Lodge. For what he had done he felt proud, and hoped the little left of his strength would be exerted for the good of Masonry. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and the Secretary, observed that he felt in them he had two good Officers. The Treasurer was careful that they did not expend their funds uselessly, and was ever watchful that they had a balance in hand. The Secretary he knew had energetically endeavoured to get in the subscriptions, and therefore it was highly gratifying to know that the one did all he could towards increasing the funds, whilst the other carefully disbursed them. The Treasurer said he had tried his best to take care of the Lodge's money for the past ten years. He had possession of the key; that was well; but what was the use of a key if nothing was to be locked up? He was glad, however, to say that he always possessed something which brought the key into requisition. Bro. Horsnail, the Secretary, thanked the Officers and brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and promised to give that attention to the duties of his office in the future that he had in the past, and hoped to ensure their continued good feeling towards him. The W.M. in proposing the Officers took occasion to express the thanks which he felt were justly due to his able assistants. Bro. Kilvington S.W. said it afforded him much satisfaction to know that the work done by him and his brother Officers had met with their W.M.'s approbation; he assured them he should continue the same interest in the future; his love for Freemasonry was in no way abated, and in looking forward to occupying the proud position of their respected W.M. he promised to do his utmost to follow his example; but he should be perfectly contented if he discharged the duties half as well. Dr. Fleming J.W. also acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast was next given. Several songs were admirably rendered in the course of the evening, notably "The Mill Wheel," by Bro. C. Balfour, and "Non Piu Andrai," by Bro. Vickers. The singers were accompanied by Bro. F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, whose presence is always appreciated by the "Old England" brethren. The musical arrangements and selections were under the superintendence of Bro. Kilvington, who on this, as on previous occasions, gave great satisfaction. The brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening, in perfect Masonic fellowship and goodwill.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:  
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 26th day of October 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, L.G.

To expunge Law 55, including Second Paragraph, and to enact in lieu thereof as follows:—

"A Boy shall not be eligible for Election unless the Father, if living, has been a subscribing Member to a Lodge, or Lodges, for seven years. If the Father be dead, he must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years. But should death, or permanent incapacity, occasioned by Paralysis, Blindness, Fire, Shipwreck, or other calamity, have occurred within three years of his Initiation, this Rule shall not apply, providing, nevertheless, that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a Subscribing Member."

2. By W. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee:—

"That three additional Vacancies be declared—in consequence of withdrawals from the Establishment—and that such Vacancies be filled up by the Election of the same number of Candidates, in addition to the number announced in the Voting Papers, at the Quarterly Court on 26th October inst."

To Elect Twenty-One Boys—or, should the Notice of Motion as above be adopted, Twenty-Four Boys, from an approved List of Seventy-Seven Candidates, reduced to Seventy-Five by the withdrawal of Two Candidates, Nos. 12 and 35.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order,  
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std. P.G. Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.  
Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
18th October 1888.

### THE NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD

AT THE END JUNE 1889.

The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptionally depressed condition of the Funds demanding exceptional support, if the enlarged benefits of the Institution are to be maintained.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

INSTITUTED 1788.

Chief Patroness:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 27th October 1888, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider Notice of Motion as under, and to elect 9 Girls into the School from a list of 63 approved candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. C. J. PIERCE, V. Pres.

In the event of the recent addition to Law 55 being confirmed, to add the following rider, viz.: "That this Clause shall not apply in the case of a child whose father was a Life Governor of the Institution at the time of his death."

F. R. W. HEDGES,  
Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.  
20th October 1888.

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### SECOND APPLICATION.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the  
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys  
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

**FREDERICK BLAND,**

AGED 8 YEARS,

Son of Bro. F. G. BLAND, late of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, who died 16th November 1887, leaving a widow and five boys under 11 years of age totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by

Bro. Sir HENRY E. KNIGHT, Knt., P.M. 34, 1297, 1613, 1997.  
T. BREG, W.M., 1613, 27 Jewin Street.  
H. STEVENSON, P.M. 1613 and 192, 48 Milton Street.  
T. FISHER, S.W. 192, 119 Fenchurch Street.  
J. B. REID, 1384, 33 Finsbury Pavement.  
J. SALMON, P.M. 2077 P.P.G.R. Essex.  
E. JEX, P.M. 1259 and 1827, 27 St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C.  
N. B. HEADON, P.M. Treas. The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, 42 Gutter Lane.  
Geo. BOLTON, P.M. Acacia Lodge, 1314.  
Miss COTTON, V.P., 37 Lylal Road, Bow.

Votes will be thankfully received by W. MEDWIN, P.M. and Secretary Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, P.M. and P.Z. 192, 28 London Wall also by the Widow, Mrs. F. G. BLAND, 14 Pall Mall.

### OCTOBER ELECTION 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the  
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls  
are earnestly solicited on behalf of

**MARGARET E. M. ROBERTS,**

AGED 10 YEARS,

Daughter of the late Bro. A. F. Roberts, of Bow Lane, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, who died 10th May 1888, leaving a widow and six young children unprovided for.

The case is earnestly recommended by

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, P.G.W.  
Lieut.-Col. P. COWAN, Alderman, S.W. 2241.  
J. F. HERBURN, P.M. 1702 P.P.G. Treasurer Middlesex.  
FRANK TAYLER, P.M. and W.M. 2241.  
J. TICKLE, P.M. 1196 1702, P.P.G.R. Middlesex.  
H. LOVEGROVE, P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex 30°.  
JOHN GREENFIELD, P.M. 795 1802 I.P.Z. 1802 18° Invicta Chapter.  
W. T. BUCK, P.M. 1702 P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex.  
NELSON REED, P.M. 1572 1601 1671.  
CHARLES S. BUCK, P.M. 1702, P.G. Steward Middlesex.  
JOHN DRAKER, J.W. 1702.

Proxies will be received by Bro. JOHN GREENFIELD, 37 Queen Victoria Street, E.C., or either of the above brethren.

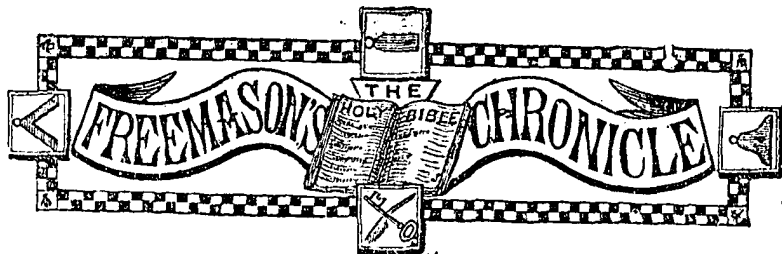
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### LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT LEICESTER.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., the ceremony of laying the Memorial Stone of the Children's Hospital for Leicester, was performed by the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Alderman T. Wright, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, and under the most favourable auspices, the weather being beautifully fine and the interest of the proceedings being much enhanced by the attendance of a large number of the Masonic brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, who took part in the ceremonial with the accustomed



ritual of the Fraternity. The assemblage of such a large gathering of the Masonic Fraternity from all parts of the Province was not only a marked tribute to the esteem in which the Mayor is held by that body, in which he has attained to the rank of Past Master and Past Provincial Grand Registrar, but was also a cordial recognition of the zealous and well directed efforts of his Worship, to which Leicester entirely owes this valuable addition to its numerous organizations for the relief of our suffering fellow creatures. When first the suggestion was made that the stone should be laid with Masonic honours it was adopted with the utmost enthusiasm by the Fraternity, and the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master was pleased to direct that a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge should be summoned for the purpose. Accordingly the brethren assembled in a convenient portion of the present Infirmary Buildings, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. S. S. Partridge (P.A.G.D.C. England) in the absence of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Amongst the brethren attending Provincial Grand Lodge were the following:—Robert Brewin P.P.G.J.W. Devon Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, S. Cleaver P.G.S.W., J. T. Thorp P.P.J.G.W. Acting Prov. J.G.W., the Revs. W. R. Hurd and Selwyn C. Freer Prov. G. Chaplains, R. Waite Prov. G. Treasurer, Rev. C. Henton Wood P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Secretary, Miles J. Walker P.P.J.G.W. Prov. G.D.C., W. H. Lead Prov. A.G.D.C., G. Jessop Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. J. Freer P.P.G. Sword Bearer, G. Newsome and J. E. Beazeley Prov. G. Standard Bearers, C. Gurden P.P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Barrow, Mns. Bach., F.C.O., Prov. G. Org., John Young, E. Holmes and R. B. Starkey Prov. G. Stewards, James Tanser Prov. G. Tyler, Dr. W. Rhys-Williams (P.A.G.D.C. England), the Rev. S. W. Wigg P.P.G.C., F. J. Baines and T. W. Clarke P.P.S.G.W.'s, Joseph Young P.P.J.G.W., J. H. Marshall P.P.G.A.D.C., R. S. Toller P.P.G. Reg., J. Hassall, W. A. Musson, R. Michie, J. H. Thompson, and J. O. Law P.P.G.D.'s, F. B. Wilmer and J. Marson P.P.G. Sup. W., E. Simpkin, E. H. Butler, D. Challis, and I. Harrison P.P.G. Standard Bearers, T. B. Laxton and W. T. Rowlett P.P.G.O.'s, R. L. Gibson P.P.G.P., T. Colman W.M. 1265, J. B. Fowler W.M. 1360, J. G. Simpkin W.M. 2028, T. Corcoran W.M. 1007, T. G. Charlesworth W.M. 523, J. L. West W.M. 2081, J. Vaughan P.M. 86, E. Dutton P.M. 1432, F. G. Boden P.M. 779, Col. C. Phillips P.M. 13, W. H. Goodwin P.M. 1265, S. Knight P.M. 1391, W. Maurice Williams S.W. 279, J. B. Waring S.W. 523, G. C. Oliver S.W. 1007, and W. H. Iley J.W. 2028. In addition there were present a very large number of Officers and brethren of the several Craft Lodges. After opening Provincial Grand Lodge and calling the rolls of Officers and Lodges, an interesting letter was read from R.W. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M., expressing his great regret that he was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings of the day and from complying with the D.P.G.M.'s wish that he should conduct the Masonic ceremony. Other business having been disposed of, the brethren were marshalled in procession in the order prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and marched to the site of the new hospital, the general effect being much heightened by displaying the handsome banners of the several Lodges. The brethren having assumed their places, an appropriate prayer was offered up by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. A glass bottle containing local newspapers, documents, &c., was then placed by the Prov. Grand Treasurer in a cavity in the lower stone and the Mayor spread the cement, after which the memorial stone was lowered to suitable music rendered by the Police Band. On completion of this operation the Acting Provincial Grand Master addressed the spectators according to ancient custom. The stone was then tried with the proper jewels of office, and the corn, wine, oil, and salt sprinkled, with the customary formalities, the ceremony being completed by the Acting R.W. P.G.M. handing the mallet to the Mayor, who after striking with it three times upon the stone, declared the same to be laid in proper form. The Mayor then addressed the assembly, and in the course of his speech briefly explained the gratifying circumstances under which the movement had been started and carried to that advanced stage, remarking that he thought the success which had attended their efforts to raise the fund had been unprecedented, for in response to the first circular which was sent out there was in six weeks a promise of subscriptions to the amount of £6000. The original idea was to raise £7000, which, at the time, it was thought would cover all expenses down to the opening of the building, but this was found to be insufficient, and the need for further help had only to be made known to bring in many more contributions from town and county till the Mayor had the gratification to be able to announce, on Tuesday, that no less a sum than £8,400 had altogether been promised, with a further sum of £105 as annual subscriptions towards the working expenses. When in full work it is estimated the cost of carrying on the Institution will be from £1200 to £1500 a year, but there can be little doubt that the benevolent public will readily contribute whatever sum is found to be necessary for such a laudable and valuable undertaking. The silver trowel used in the course of the ceremony was next presented to the Mayor, as a memento of the occasion, and suitably acknowledged by his Worship. The procession then reformed and returned to the Lodge room, where, after voting ten guineas to the fund for the Children's Hospital, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In conclusion it is only just to state that the whole of the arrangements for the Masonic ceremony were undertaken and most ably carried out by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Bro. Miles J. Walker P.P.J.G.W., to whose untiring exertions the success of the entire proceedings was in a great measure due.

#### LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY AT GRANGEMOUTH.

AT Grangemouth, on Monday, the 1st inst., the memorial stone of the Victoria Public Library Building was laid with Masonic honours by the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern District of Yorkshire, and a member of Zetland Lodge, No. 391,

Grangemouth. Among those who came from Falkirk there was a very strong muster of members of the St. John Lodge, No. 16, and Callendar Lodge, No. 588, who had been invited to take part in the Masonic ceremony, while the ranks of the local brethren of the mystic tie, Zetland Lodge, 391, were further swelled by Masons representing the Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, Carron Lodge 139, St. John Lodge 176, Denny and Dennyloanhead, the representatives of which also included a number from Bonnybridge, Linlithgow, No. 17, Stirling Ancient No. 30, Tulliallan No. 598, and Lodges Nos. 683, 437, 409, and 223. The Masons donned their regalia at the Victoria Hall, in Grange Street, which is the meeting place of Zetland Lodge 391. The entrance to the hall, as well as the walls of the hall itself, were covered with flags. Lord Zetland wore the green regalia of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, and walked at the extreme rear of the procession by the side of Bro. Wm. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, who is the architect of the new building. Bro. John Taylor, St. John Lodge, No. 16, Falkirk, was Acting Provincial Grand Master of Ceremonies. The Volunteers were under the command of Lieutenant Spence, Surgeon Dr. Linton being also present. The place where the memorial stone was laid is in the doorway on the east front corner of the building, leading into the reading room. The space which is to be occupied as reading room had been temporarily fitted up with wooden tiers of seats, admission to which, for the purpose of viewing the whole proceedings, was by special ticket. After the company had taken up their positions around the memorial stone, the bands outside played "God Save the Queen." Following this, Bro. the Rev. Alex. Falconer, Denny, Grand Chaplain of Stirlingshire, engaged in most impressive prayer. Bro. Black P.G.M. then said:—By authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I call upon the Earl of Zetland to lay the memorial stone of this building. The stone was held in position by means of a pulley, and being raised, there was inserted in an aperture under it a bottle containing a photograph of the building, several Jubilee coins, copies of daily papers and of last Saturday's *Falkirk Herald*. Before the stone was lowered into its place the Masonic form of words and procedure prescribed for such ceremonies was taken part in by the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, and officials of Zetland Lodge. Lord Zetland touched the mortar with a trowel which has a silver blade and ivory handle, and was afterwards presented to him in a morocco case. While the first part of the ceremony was in progress the band played "All people that on earth do dwell." The stone was thereafter lowered into position and declared well and truly laid, the Earl placing upon it corn taken from a silver mounted cornucopia, and pouring over the corn, from silver vases, wine and oil. The band next played the "Merry Masons," and the conclusion of the Masonic ceremony was greeted with loud cheers.

In the evening the Earl of Zetland and Freemasons from Lodges outside of Grangemouth were entertained by the Zetland Lodge to a cake and wine banquet in the Victoria Hall. Fully 150 of the Masonic brethren were present. The Lodge had been opened before the procession by Bro. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master, who now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hendry R.W.M. of Zetland Lodge 391, and the Lodge proceeded from labour to refreshment.

Bro. Hendry R.W.M. proposed the toasts of Holy St. John Lodge and the Queen and the Craft.

Bro. Finlayson was then called upon to propose the Three Grand Lodges. They were all very well aware, he said, of the able manner in which the Grand Lodge of England was presided over by the Heir Apparent the Prince of Wales. A more enthusiastic Freemason they could not have. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was very ably represented by Sir Archibald Campbell. The active interest with which he looked over Scottish Masons had done a great deal to promote and assist not only the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but the Lodges of the various Provinces, and the individual Lodges also. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had not been so well off, nor probably so successful in its operations, as its sister Grand Lodges. However, they hoped the day was not far distant when they would see the Grand Lodge of Ireland in as prosperous a condition as its two sister Grand Lodges.

Bro. Black Acting Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, whose name was coupled with the toast, returned sincere thanks on behalf of the Three Grand Lodges. He could not say much with regard to Ireland, although he had heard on one occasion an Irish brother reply to that same toast, and he said that Ireland was in a very flourishing condition, so far as Masonry was concerned. That was only a few months ago. In regard to England, they were that day intimately associated with an English Freemason, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. It certainly said a good deal for him that he had come so far to lay the memorial stone of the Free Library. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was at present in a most flourishing state. They had a benefit fund which would be put in operation in the course of a month or six weeks, whereby there would be from 20 to 30 individuals receiving £10 to £20 every year. Shortly, however, the Grand Lodge of Scotland expected to be in possession of a fund of £10,000. That sum had amassed very quickly, as only a few years ago there was a debt of £12,000 on the Grand Lodge. What he had said showed that Masonry in Scotland was at this day in a most flourishing state.

Bro. Hendry R.W.M.—We are now come to a very important toast, the health of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. In rising to propose the health of our distinguished brother, I can assure you I do so with the greatest diffidence. That diffidence arises from a want of knowledge of him. Lest that may appear somewhat peculiar, I would remind the brethren present that his Lordship's visits are few and brief, and he seldom affords us an opportunity of meeting with him. I can assure you, brethren—and I am sure you are at one with me in saying this—that the rarity and brevity of his visits are very much to be regretted. We all wish exceedingly that his Lordship could see it to be to his advantage to come among us oftener, and stay longer than he has been in the habit of doing hitherto. I know the feeling of the brethren of this Lodge, and I know every one present would be delighted with his Lordship were he to visit us

oftener and remain longer. Speaking from the personal knowledge we have of his Lordship, I have no hesitation in saying he is a gentleman possessed of a very liberal mind, and is ever ready to come forward when able to do good. We have had a most striking instance of his liberality to-day. He has, as you are all aware, contributed a handsome sum towards the building fund of the Library. That Library, as his Lordship has pointed out, will, it is to be hoped, prove a boon and benefit to the people of Grangemouth, and I am confident his Lordship is prepared to assist, not only the public Library, but anything that has a tendency towards the welfare of this particular section of his domains. This is the third occasion on which his Lordship has come to Grangemouth for the purpose of laying a memorial stone, and on every occasion I have had the honour of taking part in the demonstration. I hope that his Lordship will soon be here again for the purpose of laying another memorial stone, and that it will be the memorial stone of Zetland Lodge, of which his Lordship is a member. We all know that his Lordship has contributed to several local matters recently, and it is just possible he may pay a visit to Zetland Lodge. When he does come I have no doubt he will treat us in the same handsome manner as he has done the Public Library.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, the brethren singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Lord Zetland, on rising to reply, said: Right Worshipful Master and Brethren, I beg to thank you most sincerely for the extremely kind manner in which this toast has been proposed, and for the very cordial manner in which it has been received. I can only say that in proposing this toast the Worshipful Master of this Lodge has spoken of me in much too flattering terms. I can assure you, brethren, I have looked back on every occasion on which I have come to Grangemouth in a public capacity with the greatest possible pleasure, and the cordial and kind manner in which I have always been received on these occasions has been deeply imprinted on my memory, and it will be long before I forget what has passed on the present occasion. I confess that the Worshipful Master of this Lodge has paid me the greatest possible honour in saying that it is his wish, and the wish of the other members, that my visits to Grangemouth should be more frequent and of longer duration. He has been good enough to say he hopes the day will soon arrive when I will come to lay a Lodge memorial stone, and do it in a handsome manner. I can only say that when the time arrives that question will receive very great consideration from me. My only regret on this occasion is that it is not in my power to spend a longer time with you. I must thank you most sincerely for your kind reception, and before I sit down I must say that I feel the thanks of those who have taken part in the ceremony to-day are due to the Worshipful Master and brethren for their most excellent arrangements and kind hospitality—the excellent arrangements for carrying out the proceedings of the day, and the kind hospitality of which we have been partakers.

Lord Zetland left shortly after concluding his remarks, the brethren rising to their feet and honouring him by singing the "Merry Masons" as he withdrew.

Several other toasts were given.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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### CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading, in last week's issue, you strongly urge the absolute necessity for the Committee to declare a larger number of vacancies for election on the 27th inst. Now, it must be well known to every observant visitor to the Girls' School that the class rooms and dining room are full, the latter to overflowing—whilst the dormitories are crowded in every corner; with this fact before us, you say "it would be hard to justify the action of the Committee in refusing to declare extra vacancies." Why? Simply because the Craft has contributed a large sum at the recent Festival—not because the buildings are capable of holding more children. In my humble opinion the fewer we admit the better, during the reconstruction of the buildings. The additional beds at the Junior School will certainly not hold the children displaced for a time during building operations. For those reasons I entirely disagree with your leader, nor can I advocate paying for children out of the School. Those who were acquainted with these Institutions 30 years ago will remember how this privilege was abused, more particularly in the case of the Boys.

If you can find space for the above you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

A VICE PATRON OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**St. James's.**—This theatre was re-opened on Saturday last, when Mr. Rutland Barrington entered into possession. The piece chosen was Messrs. Sydney Grundy and F. C. Philips' four act play "The Deau's Daughter." Albeit this is well written and constructed, it is a play that leaves an unsavoury flavour behind it. Doubtless the characters are taken from real life, but we hardly think such people are desirable on the stage. The plot is as follows: The Rev. Augustus St. Aubyn deliberately sells his daughter in marriage to a man who is old enough to be her father, with result that unpleasant times come about. Sir Henry Craven is proud of having such a woman for his bride, but he also has dealings with another woman, and his escapade is the talk of the clubs. The young wife accidentally hears that her husband is going to Constantinople and is about to take another woman with him. She begs her husband to take her, but he declines. After warning him there is danger in leaving her behind, she makes a final plea, but the old man is obstinate. Of course the wife is subjected to temptation by a young and handsome man being thrown in her way, and when her husband learns of this he returns, only to find her in the arms of her admirer, who has caught her as she fainted, after being insulted by Russian prince. A divorce follows, and not until the wife has gone through some further trouble is she allowed to meet her real lover, who promises to make her his wife. The termination to the play is most abrupt, and leaves the audience to form its own conclusion on many details. Luckily the acting is good; if it were not the play would be uninteresting. As the Rev. St. Aubyn, Mr. Barrington has a very difficult part, and but for very careful handling it would become repulsive. A clergyman who thinks of nothing else than drinking and eating, and who preaches Christian resignation, is hardly an agreeable acquaintance. Miss Olga Nethersole was most earnest as the young wife; her scene in the second act was capitally enacted, while in other parts she played with dignity and feeling. Miss Caroline Hill delivered the good lines she had with point, and by that means enlivened the piece considerably. Mr. Lewis Waller made a manly and interesting lover. Mr. John Beauchamp was the husband, Mr. Edward Sass the Russian Prince, while Miss Adrienne Dairrolles made a capital servant. The piece was carefully mounted and staged.

**Princess's.**—Several changes in "The Still Alarm" have recently been inaugurated, and with advantage. The piece has been made more English, a fire engine of the London type is now requisitioned, while two English horses have been substituted for the American ones. The "pruning knife" has been liberally used, and the play runs along smoothly. Mr. Charles Glenney now plays the hero, and in such a spirited manner that the piece is greatly benefited. Another alteration is Mr. Bassett Roe as Doc Wilbur in the place of Mr. Harry Parker. The broken down old cripple is most forcibly portrayed by Mr. Roe, who acts with such nervous force throughout that he brings an already prominent part right to the front. Mr. E. W. Garden has taken Mr. Harry Nicholls part of Willie Manley, and is exceedingly amusing, while Mr. G. Dalzell now makes a fairly good Franklin Fordham. Mr. W. L. Abingdon is good as John Bird, while Miss Fanny Leslie and Miss Cicely Richards are as amusing as ever.

Miss Grace Hawthorne has arranged with Mr. Henry Pettitt for the production of "Hands Across the Sea" at the Princess's Theatre, to follow "The Still Alarm," the first week in November. The cast will be an exceptionally strong one, and the scenery, which is very elaborate, will be painted by several of the leading artists.

Saturday, the 27th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition (the Sixteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, 29th inst.

Brother J. F. H. Woodward, who since the lamented decease of Bro. Henry Levander has so ably undertaken the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for the Province of Middlesex, finding his engagements now occupy all his time, has deemed it necessary to tender his resignation as Provincial Grand Secretary, to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, which resignation Sir Francis Burdett has accepted. We are informed that Sir Francis has appointed as Bro. Woodward's successor Bro. Howard H. Room P.M. and present J.W. Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, and he trusts the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges will give to him the same cordial support in carrying on the business of the Province which they have accorded to Bro. Woodward during the past four years. Bro. Room's address is 30 Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, S.W., and all communications relating to Masonic business in connection with the Province of Middlesex should in future be addressed to him.

Comp. W. H. Lee P.P.G. Standard Bearer, and lately Assistant Provincial Grand Scribe E., will succeed Comp. Woodward as Scribe E. of the Province of Middlesex. Comp. Lee's address is 32 Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E., to him all communications relating to Chapter business should in future be addressed.

We must crave indulgence from our friends. We are again compelled to hold over several important matters.

## PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. It was a scrolling meeting, and occasion was taken of that most interesting circumstance to impress upon the Worshipful Master, Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., the deep feelings of personal regard with which he is regarded by the brethren, for during his most happy year of office not one cloud has threatened to mar the harmony and unanimity which is one of the most noteworthy characteristics of this Lodge. The business commenced at three o'clock, and the W.M. (Bro. Tudor Trevor) was supported by Bros. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. I.P.M., Dr. Cartwright Smyth P.M. P.G. Chaplain, Watson P.M. S.W., Middleton J.W., R. Abbott Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Evans as Chaplain, S. Scott Young Secretary, J. G. Fretwell S.D., T. Atkinson J.D., Butterworth I.G., B. S. Bailey Steward, L. Howarth Organist, Begbie Abbott, R. A. Smithson, Thornton Jones, Rev. J. E. Bentley, B. Bentley, Cryer, Wilkinson, Edward Ellis, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., F. G. Dimery P.M., José Rickard W.M. 304, Flockton P.M. 1042, and many others. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Geo. Pratt was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. C. L. Mason. The scrolling for incoming W.M. was then proceeded with, Bro. Watson receiving a unanimous call to that exalted honour, a choice which as much redounded to the credit of the Lodge as to Bro. Watson, whose fame as a Masonic author and authority is known far beyond the limits of Leeds. This will be the third time Bro. Watson has been called upon to fill the chair of K.S. Bro. Robt. Abbott was again unanimously chosen as Treasurer of the Lodge, the announcement of his election being received with the liveliest expressions of satisfaction. Bro. S. Barrand was also re-appointed Tyler of the Lodge, a post which he has hitherto filled with marked ability. Bros. Watson and Middleton were elected Auditors of the Lodge funds, the W.M. nominating Bro. Fretwell as his representative. Bro. Craig then moved that a P.M.'s founder's jewel, of the Lodge pattern, should be presented to the W.M. out of the Lodge funds, and this, on being seconded by Bro. Mason, was carried with acclamation, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Tudor Trevor. Bro. Trevor then delivered a short valedictory address from the chair. He said it is now my duty to render an account of my Stewardship during the past year, and I feel very thankful that it is a satisfactory account that I can give to you. During the year of my Mastership I have had the satisfaction of initiating six new members of the Lodge and of enrolling two new joining members. On the 14th of January we voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On 14th February Bro. Watson was appointed Hon. Curator and Librarian of the Provincial Library and Museum, and as an evidence of the way in which he has discharged his duties in that connection, I will refer you to the forthcoming report of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Keighley. On the 10th of March we signalled the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, by sending a congratulatory telegram to their Royal Highnesses, to which a suitable and gracious reply was received. On the 14th April we received the said announcement of the death of the Rev. T. Greenbury, 304, Prov. G. Chaplain, and the following month we were called upon to deplore the decease of another clerical brother, the Rev. E. W. Makinson P.M. 289 P.P.G.C. On 14th July you were kind enough to sympathise with me in the loss of my dear father, the late Canon Trevor, D.D., Rector of Beeford. The manner in which your sympathy was expressed to me I shall never forget, and the engrossed resolution will ever be one of the most prized and cherished of my possessions. So much for the history of the Lodge, and if it has been a successful history it is because you have made it so; it is because you have recognised your responsibilities, and because you have recognised the subordination you owed to the various Officers of the Lodge. You have by your help and consideration made the ruling of this Lodge practically a very easy task during the past year. I feel to-night very much like the Captain of a ship on returning to England after a long voyage. I have brought my ship into port after a prosperous voyage. I thank the Great Architect of the Universe that He has given me health and strength to bring my ship so splendidly into harbour, as I have done to-night; and I also thank Him for the pleasure he has afforded me in having so completely won your esteem and affection. I now must formally bid you all good-bye. I thank you again and again for your constant kindness, your persevering kindness. It has been a most happy and successful year, though I take no credit personally that it has been so, any credit there may be is due to you. Let me, then, in conclusion, ask you in all earnestness and sincerity indelibly to imprint upon your hearts and minds that sentence which is the very incarnation of the true spirit of Masonry, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Hearty good wishes were passed round, visitors rising with brethren of the Lodge to show to their out-going W.M. the sincerity of their sentiments of affection and esteem. After high tea the W.M. elect was heartily congratulated upon his selection, and he and all the Officers tendered to Bro. Trevor the earnest assurance that the Masonic year just ended had been one of the happiest in their experience. The usual toasts were interspersed with songs, not the least interesting contribution being that of Bro. Calleyn, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., who gave a cordial invitation to brethren who might cross the Atlantic.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday, 16th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Chillingworth P.M., &c. W.M., I. Botibol S.W., Liscombe J.W., A. Cohen S.D., Poynter J.D., Franz I.G.; also Bros. Garrard, Marcus, Pegè, Rosenberg, Goodinge, Roberts, Marks, and Saqui (Secretary). The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, the Master discharging his functions in an excellent manner, well becoming one so experienced in the Craft.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*; or the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. London: Vol. I. Part IV.

THIS welcome serial embraces the proceedings of the Lodge, and the literary contributions of its inner and outer circle, between the 4th of May and the close of September, in the current year. The papers, or essays, actually read in the Lodge are two in number; one, entitled "Scottish Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges," by Bro. G. W. Speth; and the other, "Masters' Lodges," by Bro. John Lane. Both are of rare excellence, and fully uphold the high standard of intrinsic merit and literary workmanship which the previous lectures of a similar character have essentially stamped as one of, and perhaps the most remarkable of, the evidences of thoroughness that meet the eye in every printed record of this Lodge.

The Secretary, Bro. Speth, had to grapple with a somewhat formidable subject, but may be justly said to have brought a quantity of rude matter into due form. His way of putting old things in a new light, and the inferences and conjectures he sprinkles so pleasantly with the narrative, not only rivet the attention, but place before us a vision of potentialities with regard to the past of Freemasonry.

Bro. Lane's paper throws a quantity of much needed light on a subject which has hitherto lain very much in the dark. Thus, it proves to demonstration that the third degree only began to take firm root in our English Lodges, as an additional ceremonial, in the fourth decade of the last century.

The miscellaneous contributions to what is now the only "Magazine" of the British Craft, comprise "The Roman Legend of the Quattro Incononati," by Bro. S. Russell Forbes, of Rome; some "Notes" on unrecognised Lodges and degrees, by Bro. Yarker; "An Attempt to Classify the Old Charges," by Dr. Begemann P.Prov. G.M. of Rostock; together with "Kaiser Wilhelm as a Mason," and the "Quatuor Coronati Abroad," being a record of the "Visitations" of the W.M. and Secretary to Holland and Belgium, by Bro. Speth. There is also an amusing notice by the last named brother of an attack by Bro. Findel on the "Masonic youngsters" of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which appeared in the "Bauhütte." The remarks of Bro. Speth we shall hope to find room for in another issue. The correspondence circle, or literary society of the Lodge, we are glad to find has attained a grand total of 419.

The Rye Lodge, No. 2272, will be consecrated on Monday next, at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye Lane, S.E. The proceedings will commence at four p.m.; Bro. Colonel S. H. Clerke (Grand Secretary) will be the Consecrating Officer, while Bro. J. W. Dewsnap P.M. 188, &c., is the Worshipful Master designate.

"The Woman's World," edited by Mr. Oscar Wilde, will be enlarged with the November part without increase of price.

An etching of Meissonier's picture, "The Painter," will appear in "The Magazine of Art" for November, which commences a new volume.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (Ir)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1024—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.  
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton  
 2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent  
 R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.  
 M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

## MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)  
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Pargo Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Dutton.  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare  
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
 M.M. 8—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

## TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blags., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, E.W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 830—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalton at 8 (Inst.)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)  
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)  
 1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1693—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30  
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

- R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Claro, Suffolk  
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon  
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland  
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

## WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)  
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Pargo Green, Tottenham  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
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 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)  
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 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dutton  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent  
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott  
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 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
 K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 750—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)  
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmaceston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Down, at 7.45. (Instruction)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)

1653—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington  
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8: (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Buxup  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford  
 968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn Hoase, Lindley  
 1580—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
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 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
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 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)  
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst).  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst).  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)  
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)  
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard  
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)  
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1102—Miffield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Miffield  
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth

1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8  
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 Audit Committee Boys' School, at 4  
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)

1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1482—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

## A NEW HALL FOR HULL.

A NEW Masonic Hall for the joint use of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, and De la Pole Lodge, No. 1605, was dedicated at Hull on the 2nd inst., by Colonel the Hon. Orde-Powlett, Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorks. There was a large assembly of the brethren of the two Lodges more particularly interested in the ceremony, but the number was considerably augmented by the presence of numerous visitors. Among the Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. M. C. Peck, W. Reynolds, Rev. R. L. E. Reeves, T. Oates, T. T. Davis, J. R. Ansdell, W. Keyworth, C. W. Cheeseman, T. Hewson, E. Contis, G. Wilson, J. Coalsworth, J. Walton, J. D. O'Donoghue, &c. The new Masonic Hall is situate on the first floor of what was formerly known as the Protestant Hall, Kingston-square, Hull, now styled the Lecture Hall. The lower room is in the form of a double cube, 46 feet long and 23 feet wide, with a raised platform at the east end and down the two sides. Adjoining the Lodge is a large ante-room 24 feet by 18 feet, and a candidates' room. The banqueting-room is 36 feet by 25 feet, and is arranged to seat a thousand brethren. A banqueting-room, Steward's store-rooms, and other accessories are attached, and everything that modern science could suggest in regard to ventilation, heating, &c., has been adopted. The ceremony of dedication was most impressively performed by the Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was given to Col. Orde-Powlett for his address, and his presence that day. Light refreshments were served to the assembled brethren, and the whole proceedings were thoroughly successful.

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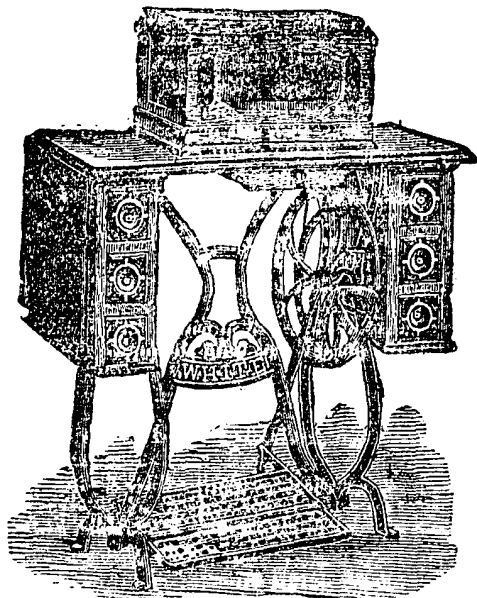
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